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Annotations/programme of work

30 April 2001

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Election of officers

At its organizational session held in 1980, the Committee on Information reached an agreement according to which the principle of geographical rotation would be applied to all officers of the Committee and they would be elected to two-year terms.[1] At the beginning of the twenty-third session, the Committee will elect a

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Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve in their respective capacities during 2001 and 2002.

3. **Adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the outgoing Bureau.

4. **Statement by the Chairman**

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

5. **Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information**

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Department of Public Information and report on implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 55/136 of 8 December 2000.

30 April-2 May 2001

6. **General debate**[2]

3 May 2001

7. **Commemoration of World Press Freedom Day**

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 48/432, 3 May has been declared World Press Freedom Day. It is the intention of the Committee to commemorate the occasion on 3 May 2001.

3 and 4 May 2001

8. **Consideration of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General**

Documentation

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the reorientation of United Nations activities in the field of public information and communications

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations

Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of United Nations information centres with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme: implementation of the views of the host Governments concerned

Report of the Secretary-General on the equitable disbursement of resources to United Nations information centres

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the Department of Public Information and the University for Peace

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the pilot programme on the development of an international radio broadcasting capacity for the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on the continued multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of the United Nations web site

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Joint United Nations Information Committee in 2000 (General Assembly resolution 46/73 B)

7-10 May 2001

9. Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information

The Secretariat needs a 48-hour period to process the draft report of the Committee in all official languages.

11 May 2001

10. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session

Notes

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/35/21), para. 8 (a).

[2] The wording of the following sub-items (a), (b) and (c) is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979:

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communications order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information;

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communications order;

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications.